



## **Arts & Community Events**

### **December 2008 Calendar of Events**

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PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### **Ethnic Express Folk Dancing**

**Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.**

##### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 S. Brush St., **229-6383**

Folk dances are the aerobics of our ancestors! Join us to learn the traditional dances of Armenia, Bulgaria, China, Greece, Israel, Macedonia, Russia, Serbia, Turkey and more.

Tickets: \$4 per person, per day

#### **Rainbow Company Youth Theatre**

##### **"Cinderella"**

**December 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 at 7 p.m.**

**December 7, 13, 14 at 2 p.m.**

##### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 S. Brush St., **229-6383**

Start with a near-sighted heroine and a bookworm prince, add humor and some delightful surprises, and you've got a truly unique version of the world's favorite fairytale! This hilarious new musical will send everyone out of the theatre smiling!

Tickets: \$7 adults; \$5 teens and seniors; \$3 children, 12 years and younger

Three- and five-show season tickets are available at additional savings and bring special privileges.

Tickets are available by mail, telephone or in person.

#### **Holiday Card and Poem Workshop (all ages)**

**Saturday, December 6, 1 p.m.**

##### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, **229-6211**

Get your creative and poetic juices flowing with this workshop. Design and produce unique holiday greetings cards that will include haikus, free verse, limericks, and more. Each card will provide a special memory.

Materials fee: \$5 per person

#### **Las Vegas Wind Quintet**

**Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m.**

##### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, **229-6211**

Featuring Dave Hawley (clarinet), Sherrie Parker (flute), Mika Brunson (oboe), Doug Beasley (French horn) and Sam Piscotta (bassoon), the quintet performs classical compositions.

Free Admission.

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**Holiday Square Dance****Stardusters 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Toys for Tots Dance****Saturday, December 6, 6 to 9 p.m.****East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**250 N. Eastern Ave., **229-1515**

Join the Marines and the Stardusters Square Dancers in a fun evening of dancing. The toys collected will be presented to the Marines' Toys for Tots holiday toy collection drive. Whether you are a seasoned square dancer or just looking to learn a few fun steps, come stomp and twirl your partner. Special guest callers will be featured. Light refreshments will be served. The Stardusters Square Dance Club meets regularly at the East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center and performs regionally at community events.

Tickets: \$3 per person and a new unwrapped toy, or \$6 per person

**Student Ceramics Artists Reception, Exhibit and Holiday Sale (all ages)****Thursday, December 11, 3-7 p.m. sale; 5-7 p.m. artists reception; exhibit Dec. 11-Feb. 14****Reed Whipple Cultural Center**821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, **229-6211**

Art pieces created by all levels of students and instructors participating in ceramics classes at Reed Whipple and East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center will be exhibited and sold. Meet the artists at an open reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Proceeds of the ceramics sale will benefit the students. The exhibit is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Sundays, Mondays and holidays.

Free Admission.

**Cine en el Centro Film Series**

*With La Nueva 103.5 FM, Recuerdo 99.3 FM, El Tiempo, Cox Communications, Tortillas Los Arcos and El Mercadito*

**“Nueces Para el Amor” (Nuts for Love)****Thursday, December 11, 6 p.m. introduction; 6:30 p.m. feature presentation****East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**250 N. Eastern Ave., **229-1515**

A man and a woman struggle through an on-again, off-again love affair amidst some of the most memorable events of Argentina's recent cultural history in the romantic drama “Nueces Para el Amor.” Marcelo (Nicolas Pauls) and Alicia (Malena Solda) meet in 1975 at the final concert of the Argentine rock band Sui Generis. Ariadna Gil and Gaston Pauls play the older Alicia and Marcelo in the later part of the film. Directed by Alberto Lecchi, this 2000 unrated film from Argentina won nine international film awards. Series curator Luis Bonilla introduces the film and leads a discussion in Spanish after the feature is shown. In Spanish with English subtitles. 103 minutes.

Free admission

**Bandstand Jam Series****Fun Holiday Songs Sing-Along****Friday, December 12, 7 to 8:30 p.m.****East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**250 N. Eastern Ave., **229-1515**

Enjoy a traditional, fun holiday sing-along for all ages. Songs will be led by various community performers in English and Spanish. Don't be shy – join the fun!

Free admission

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**“Seasons Greetings” Handmade Holiday Card Exhibition and Postcard Workshop****Saturday, December 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.****East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**250 N. Eastern Ave., **229-1515**

Come view the many ways artists have expressed their holiday spirit. Holiday greeting cards have long been the vehicle used to deliver sentiment around the holidays. Decorate and send a postcard at designated tables. All postcards made will be addressed and sent to our troops in time for the holidays. Free postcard to decorate with entry. Artists interested in exhibiting should call 229-1515 or visit [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org) for Holiday Card Exhibition entry forms.

Free admission

**Holiday Ornament Workshop (all ages)****Saturday, December 13, 1 p.m.****Reed Whipple Cultural Center**821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, **229-6211**

Families with children of all ages are invited to create unique holiday ornaments to decorate your home for the holidays or to give as gifts.

Materials fee: \$5 per person

**Holiday Hula Workshop (all ages)****Saturday, December 13, 1:30 p.m.****Reed Whipple Cultural Center**821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, **229-6211**

Learn a hula you can share for the holiday season! Both beginners and intermediate students learn basic movements plus a modern-style holiday hula that is enjoyable to learn and can be performed for family and friends.

Free Admission

**Las Vegas Youth Philharmonic Concerto Competition****Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.****Reed Whipple Cultural Center**821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, **229-6211**

Students perform solo, duo and trio recitals in classical and contemporary compositions.

Free Admission

**The Poets' Corner****Friday, December 19, 7 p.m.****West Las Vegas Arts Center**947 W, Lake Mead Blvd., **229-4800**

Keith Brantley hosts a forum for established poets and open-microphone participants.

Free admission

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**Rick Arroyo Trio****Friday, December 19, 7 p.m.****Reed Whipple Cultural Center, Main Theatre**821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, **229-6211**

Savor the sounds of the Rick Arroyo Latin Jazz Trio. Rick Arroyo is a composer, arranger and Las Vegas Latin Awards Winner in two categories, Best Latin Jazz Performer as well as Best Latin Jazz Band. Rick Arroyo appeared in The Coral Reef Lounge at Mandalay Bay every Monday night for four years with his 10-piece Latin dance band, The Latin Percussion Ensemble.

Tickets: \$7, all seats

**Holiday Story Time (all ages)****Saturday, December 20, 1 p.m.****Reed Whipple Cultural Center**821 Las Vegas Blvd. North, **229-6211**

The young and young at heart will enjoy this fanciful holiday story-time event.

Free Admission

**Razzle Bam Boom — Family Christmas Show (all ages)****Saturday, December 20, 2 p.m.****Charleston Heights Arts Center**800 S. Brush Street, **229-6383**

Bring the family to enjoy this holiday musical extravaganza. Specializing in children's and family entertainment, this award-winning duo has toured the United States and Canada, performing in schools, hospitals and theme parks. Put a sparkle in your day and join us for a rollicking afternoon of your favorite holiday songs.

Tickets: \$3

**The Vegas Tenors Concert****Saturday, December 20, 3 p.m.****West Las Vegas Arts Center**947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., **229-4800**

The Vegas Tenors consist of four of the best voices in the United States — Lou Ragland, Freddie Empire, Lambus Dean and Latif Shadi. These men have performed as lead singers in several of the best-known groups of the world. With all this excellent talent performing in one place, there is never a low moment in the show. They have been performing as The Vegas Tenors since 2006.

Free admission

**Las Posadas / December Fiesta (all ages)***Presented With La Nueva 103.5 FM, Recuerdo 99.3 FM and Univision Radio 870 AM.***Saturday, December 20, 5 to 8 p.m.****East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**250 N. Eastern Ave., **229-1515**

Join Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese as we celebrate the holidays with a traditional Hispanic custom involving friends, family and the whole community. All are welcome to enjoy live entertainment, traditional Posada, food vendors, children's raffle and a special visit from Santa Claus.

Free admission

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### **Saturday Contra Dancing**

*With Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers*

**Saturday, December 27, 7-10 p.m.; group lesson 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 S. Brush Street, **229-6383**

Dance to the live music of an acoustic band playing joyful fiddle tunes, driving reels and a waltz or two. These lively community dances recapture aspects of New England and frontier barn dances, with more modern twists. All dances are taught and called. Newcomers and families are welcomed. No need to bring a partner. Wear comfortable, flat-soled shoes and casual clothing.

Tickets: \$7 adults; \$5 members, students & military; \$3 children under 16 and non-dancing adults

### **Kwanzaa Celebration & Rites of Passage Graduation Ceremony**

*Cosponsored with the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District - West Las Vegas Library*

**Sunday, December 28, 2 p.m.**

#### **West Las Vegas Library Theatre**

951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., **507-3989**

Kwanzaa is an intergenerational celebration of family, community and culture, focusing on history, principles and symbols of African-Americans. This year, the Kwanzaa celebration will include the graduation of the girls and boys participating in the Rites of Passage workshops, and introduce the youth to the West Las Vegas community, "the village." Call 229-4800 for information.

Free admission

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